



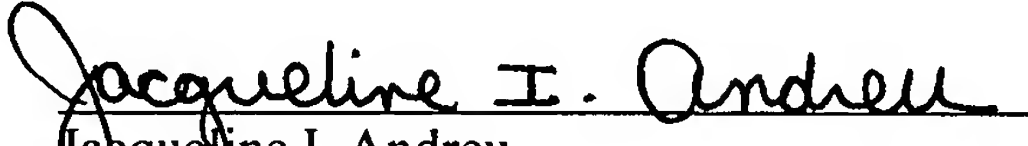
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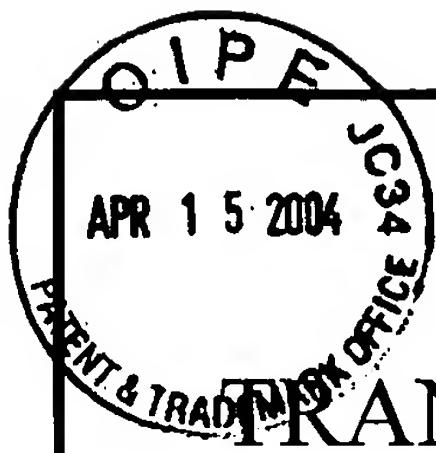

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- 1.) Transmittal Form (1 pg.);
- 2.) Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs.);
- 3.) Form PTO-1449 (1 pg.);
- 4.) Copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent publications cited as B1 and C1-C4; and
- 5.) Return Receipt Postcard.



TRANSMITTAL FORM

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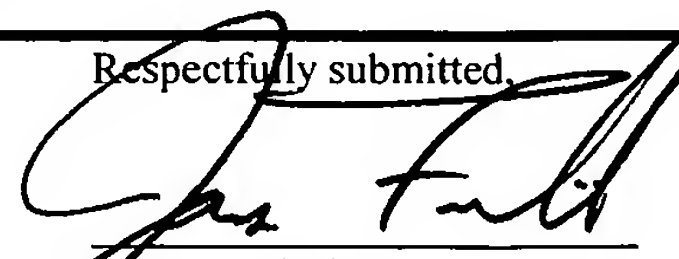
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. In accordance with the U.S. Patent Office's partial waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), only copies of the foreign patent documents and non-patent publications are enclosed.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- ☒ (1) within three (3) months of the **filing date** of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), or within three (3) months of the **date of entry of the national stage** as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing of the **first Office action** on the merits, or before the mailing of a **first Office action** after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114; or
- ☐ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **final action** or a **notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, and
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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

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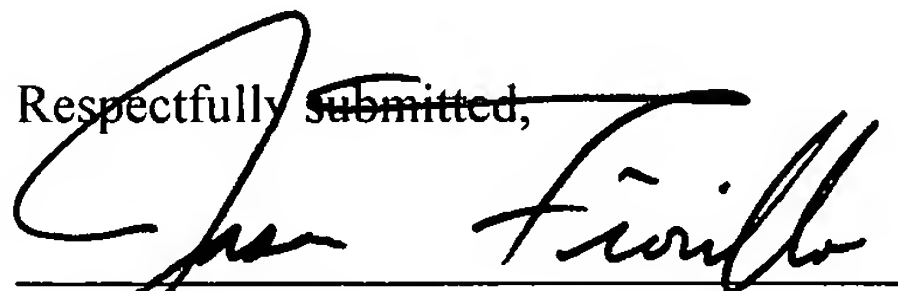
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OTHER ART, JOURNAL ARTICLES, ETC.									
EXAM. INIT.	OTHER DOCUMENTS: (Including Author, Title, Date, Relevant Pages, Place of Publication)								
	C1	A. M'sir et al., <i>A High Speed Encoder for Recursive Systematic Convolutional Codes</i> , Proceedings of the Eight IEEE International On-Line Testing Workshop, July 2002, pp. 51-55.							
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	C3	D. Haccoun et al., <i>New Architectures for Fast Convolutional Encoders and Threshold Decoders</i> , IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications, Vol. 6, No. 3, April 1998, pp. 547-57.							
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